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Nationwide
Threat Level is

ELEVATED
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF
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Daily Highlights

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *May 31, McClatchy-Tribune* — **Oil refinery boom skips U.S.** With gasoline prices averaging \$3.21 for a gallon of regular nationwide over the Memorial Day weekend, traditional economic logic might suggest that this would be a good time to invest in new U.S. oil refineries and increase the supply of gasoline. Yet no new refinery has been built in the United States in three decades, only one is in the works and oil companies are scaling back planned investments in new, expanded or modernized U.S. refineries rather than increasing them. But overseas — where it's generally cheaper, faster and easier to build oil refineries — a boom in construction is under way to meet the growing demand for gasoline in the United States and in big developing countries such as China and India. That means that Americans increasingly will be

filling their tanks with imported gasoline. In 2005, imported liquid fuels — mostly oil and an increasing amount of gasoline — accounted for about 60 percent of U.S. consumption, according to the Energy Information Administration (EIA). In a long-term assessment this month, the EIA said that figure could grow to 67 percent by 2030. "We are outsourcing refining," said Severin Borenstein of the University of California in Berkeley.

Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/business/bal-bz.refineries31may31.0.7796651.story?coll=bal-business-headlines>

2. *May 30, Reuters* — **Website error rocks global oil markets.** World oil prices jumped briefly on Wednesday, May 30, after a television station in Tulsa, Oklahoma — the No. 62 U.S. media market — posted an erroneous story about a refinery fire on its Website. At 10:14 EDT, CBS affiliate KOTV reported that a lightning strike had caused a fire at an Oklahoma refinery — sparking a flurry of excitement among energy traders and boosting U.S. crude prices 40 cents. The refining company announced the story was "completely wrong" and the station withdrew the story.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/internetNews/idUSN3040403520070530?feedType=RSS&rpc=22>

3. *May 30, Bloomberg* — **Exxon says Mackenzie 'not viable' after costs jump.** Exxon Mobil Corp. said plans to build a pipeline to get natural gas from the Canadian Arctic to the U.S. may be shelved after cost projections more than doubled. Imperial Oil Ltd. in March raised its cost estimate for the Mackenzie Valley gas project to \$15.1 billion. "At those costs, it's not viable to build that pipeline," Exxon Mobil Chief Executive Officer Rex Tillerson said. Soaring costs also may make the tapping of Alaskan gas fields too expensive to pursue, Tillerson said. Exxon Mobil estimated three years ago that building a pipeline to the North Slope would cost \$22 billion to \$25 billion. The Mackenzie pipeline would carry about one billion cubic feet of gas a day from Canada's Northwest Territories and would span 758 miles. It would connect to the North American pipeline grid and supply enough gas for almost ten percent of U.S. households. The pipeline also would open up the Northwest Territories and the Yukon to more petroleum exploration, said Robert Hunt of Horizon North Logistics Inc.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601082&sid=a0zKaLoAAmEs&refer=canada>

4. *May 30, Texas A&M University* — **Chevron, Texas A&M form alliance to convert non-food crops into renewable fuels.** Chevron Corp. and Texas A&M Agriculture and Engineering BioEnergy Alliance are joining in research to accelerate the conversion of crops for manufacturing ethanol and other biofuels from cellulose. Chevron Technology Ventures will support research initiatives over a four-year period through a partnership of the Texas A&M University System's Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and the Texas Engineering Experiment Station. Chevron officials said the research initiatives will focus on several technology advancements to produce biofuels including: Identifying, assessing, cultivating, and optimizing production of second-generation energy feedstocks for cellulose and bio-oils with a focus on non-food crops; characterizing and optimizing the design of dedicated bioenergy crops through advances in genomic sciences and plant breeding; developing integrated logistics systems associated with the harvest, transport, storage and conversion of bioenergy crops; and developing advanced biofuels processing technologies.

Source: <http://agnews.tamu.edu/dailynews/stories/FUEL/May3007a.htm>

5. *May 30, KABC-TV (CA)* — **Can California's power grid handle the summer heat?** The California Independent System Operator (CAL-ISO) says the power grid is ready with just enough electricity for summer. Stephanie McCorkle of CAL-ISO, said: "If we hit a heat storm similar to what we saw last year, we should be okay. But that is counting on consumers doing their part in conserving." But in summers after this one, supplying enough electricity might be a challenge because of new laws to fight global warming by reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Utility companies in California are now banned from buying electricity from dirty coal-burning power plants, which provide 17-percent of the state's power.
Source: http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=capitol_reports&id=5354261
6. *May 30, Department of Energy* — **DOE prepares for the 2007 hurricane season.** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Wednesday, May 30, outlined a number of steps that the Department is taking to strengthen its hurricane response system in the United States. Since Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005, DOE has made operational and administrative improvements, including coordination between federal, state and local leaders, deployment of trained staff, and improvements to modeling tools. To further prepare, DOE's hurricane response system has: conducted regional exercises to help further prepare state and local government staff; hired seven new staff to support the energy emergency function under the National Response Plan; trained over 50 technical and emergency response staff to deploy and embed in other federal responding agencies such as Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); and instituted a "helpline" to allow state/local governments and industry to communicate with DOE during emergencies, among other initiatives.
Source: <http://www.energy.gov/news/5090.htm>

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Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector

7. *June 01, Times-Republican (IA)* — **Glitches slow Hazmat drill.** Twenty-four students from Fisher Elementary School in Marshalltown, IA, went through decontamination as part of a training exercise with the Marshalltown Fire Department on Wednesday, May 30. In the scenario, an old container of chlorine near a pool leaked and sprayed the children with the chemical. Overall, the exercise went fairly well, but there were a couple of exceptions. One, when the commander on the scene, Assistant Fire Chief Steve Edwards, would talk into his radio, the mobile command center could not get his signal. But even though the mobile command unit could not hear his radio, a portable was always on the scene so that those inside the trailer were never out of the loop as information was passed around. The Des Moines hazardous materials team was staged on the south side of Marshalltown and would have been on scene sooner, but there was a breakdown in communication and the team was never dispatched to the scene until they called and asked when they would be needed.
Source: <http://www.timesrepublican.com/news/articles.asp?articleID=9968>
8. *May 31, KDBC News (TX)* — **Area evacuated because of ruptured gas line.** Several homes and businesses were evacuated as a precaution because work crews ruptured a gas line in El Paso, TX. There is no word how many businesses or homes were evacuated but traffic in the

area was blocked off as crews worked to repair the ruptured gas line.

Source: <http://www.kdbc.com/news/local/7767637.html>

9. *May 31, WAFB (LA)* — **Sulfuric Acid Leak Caused by Pipe Rupture Contained.** There was a sulfuric acid leak on Wednesday, May 30, in Baton Rouge, LA. A pipeline owned by the Rhodia Corporation had ruptured. The line goes to the Exxon facility. Preston Gallup from the Baton Rouge Hazardous Materials Division said the general public was never in danger. There is still no cause on how the pipeline ruptured.

Source: <http://www.wafb.com/Global/story.asp?S=6593438&nav=0aWU>

10. *May 31, Knoxville News Sentinel (TN)* — **Diesel spill closes Dutch Valley Road.** A dump truck rolled spilling diesel fuel and forcing the closure of Dutch Valley Road in Knoxville, TN, on Thursday, May 31. No one was injured. Knox County's E-911 received reports of a wreck with injury shortly after the truck overturned, dispatchers reported. Knoxville Police Department officers and the Knoxville Fire Department responded. A Knoxville Fire Department Hazardous Material unit is working to clean the diesel spill, but the truck's impact dug a trench that pooled most of the leak, said KFD spokesman Darrell Whitaker. There are no estimates about the length of time Dutch Valley Road will be closed.

Source: http://www.knoxnews.com/kns/traffic/article/0.1406.KNS_358_5564039.00.html

11. *May 31, Mansfield News Journal (MA)* — **Plymouth roads closed following chemical spill.** Authorities have closed several roads into Plymouth, MA, following an anhydrous ammonia spill Thursday, May 31. Emergency crews evacuated people from the square towards the Plymouth Library.

Source: <http://www.mansfieldnewsjournal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AI=D=/20070531/UPDATES01/70531019/1002/NEWS01>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

12. *May 31, Aviation Week* — **Air Force releases revised CSAR-X RFP.** As expected, the amended U.S. Air Force request for proposals (RFP) for its combat, search and rescue (CSAR-X) helicopter released Tuesday, May 29, was narrow in scope, focusing only on certain lifecycle costs issues identified by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) when it sustained the protests of losing bidders Lockheed Martin and Sikorsky against Boeing's win. But Lockheed and Sikorsky have both said that kind of narrow focus would not be in the spirit of the GAO ruling. They now have to decide whether to answer the revised bid, protest again, file a lawsuit in federal court or walk away from the competition for a possible contract worth between \$10 billion and \$15 billion for more than 140 helicopters. Further protests or a lawsuit could mean lethal delays to the program, especially as it concerns federal funding.

Source: http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story.jsp?id=news/CSAR_R053107.xml&headline=Air%20Force%20Releases%20Revised%20CSAR-X%20RFP&channel=defense

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Banking and Finance Sector

13. *May 31, Help Net Security (Croatia)* — **Banker Trojans imitating phishing attacks.** A new wave of Trojans is using phishing-type techniques to steal users' bank details. BanKey.A and BankFake.A are the latest such examples. When run, both Trojans show users a page that looks like an online bank Website for them to enter their bank passwords and account numbers. However, if users do so, they will be revealing this data to malware creators. "The danger of these Trojans lies in the fact that they can be modified very easily to affect different banks, payment platforms, online casinos, etc.", explains Luis Corrons, Technical Director of PandaLabs. To ensure users don't suspect the fraud, once they have entered their data, the malicious codes show an error message apologizing for a temporary error. BankFake.A, then, redirects the users to the bank's legitimate Website, where they can repeat the process. This way, users won't have any reasons to think they have been scammed. "This type of malicious code has many advantages for cyber-crooks compared to traditional phishing attacks. Firstly, they are simpler, since malware creators do not need to hire a hosting service to host the spoofed Web page. As there is no Web hosting, there are fewer chances of them being tracked down and they ensure the success of their crimes does not depend on external providers", explains Corrons.

Source: http://www.net-security.org/virus_news.php?id=807

14. *May 31, Calgary Herald (Canada)* — **ATM skimmers seized in raid.** Calgary police Wednesday, May 30, seized the latest tools criminals are using to illegally capture data from bank machine users. Investigators said they could have been sold to criminals all over the world. The case started with a tip from the U.S. Secret Service in January 2006 about a man using the alias "Dron" and a now-defunct Website called atmskimmer.com. "The real challenge was identifying the individual because he was using Internet cafes and (anonymous) e-mail addresses," Detective Spencer Frizzell of the Calgary police said. The police seized \$30,000 cash in addition to electronics, blank credit cards, a combination of fake and stolen credit cards and ID, wiring, paint, plasticine and soldering tools. The haul also included dozens of card slots, bank machine keypads and other parts investigators believe were bought, rather than made, by the suspect — a prospect that troubles Frizzell. "One has to wonder what verification process one has to go through to get their hands on this," he said. Financial institutions in Canada refunded \$95 million stolen from customers in fraudulent debit card transactions in 2006 — an increase from \$70 million over 2005.

Source: <http://www.canada.com/calgaryherald/news/city/story.html?id=c79de0d0-cd3e-4090-8bb0-ed57ed0829ca>

15. *May 31, Reuters* — **Wachovia to buy A.G. Edwards for \$6.8 billion.** Wachovia Corp., the fourth-largest U.S. bank, on Thursday, May 31, said it will buy A.G. Edwards Inc. for \$6.8 billion in cash and stock, creating the second-largest U.S. retail brokerage. The combined brokerage would have about 14,784 brokers, ranking behind Merrill Lynch & Co.; and \$1.15 trillion of client assets, ranking behind Merrill and Citigroup Inc., Wachovia said. It expects to command a 14 percent market share, and employ more than 31,000 people. Thursday's transaction comes nearly eight months after Wachovia bought California thrift Golden West Financial Corp. for \$24.2 billion, significantly expanding its mortgage operations.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/05>

16. *May 30, GateHouse News Service* — **Bomb 'threat' defused: Errant fax sent for bank promotion prompts evacuation.** A misprinted internal Bank of America fax inadvertently sparked a bomb scare and the evacuation of a bank branch and about 15 local businesses in an Ashland, MA, shopping plaza for more than two hours Wednesday, May 30. The fax — which showed images of a match lighting a bomb fuse and a timer — turned out to be a botched promotional flyer, counting down the start of Bank of America's "Small Business Commitment Week." Also Wednesday morning, a customer delivered a "suspicious package" to already concerned bank employees in the plaza at 300 Elliot St., Police Chief Scott Rohmer said. The package also turned out to be no threat. A fax machine on the fritz sent the internal communication to other Bank of America branches throughout the Northeast, according to Ernesto Anguilla, bank spokesperson. Other concerned branches contacted headquarters, but no others were evacuated, Anguilla said. Police and the Fire Department evacuated the entire plaza.

Source: <http://www.metrowestdailynews.com/homepage/x2039748477>

17. *May 30, WTAE Channel 4 (PA)* — **Scammers targeting military families.** Scam artists are now calling military spouses, posing as representatives of the American Red Cross, telling them their significant other has been badly hurt in Iraq and evacuated to Germany. The Red Cross warns that the thieves then ask the spouses to confirm some information for the paperwork, including names, dates of birth and Social Security numbers, all for the purpose of identity theft. Thieves have posed as Red Cross employees before during natural disasters like Hurricane Katrina, hoping to collect money. During wartime, the Red Cross only delivers urgent messages to troops in the field, usually involving sick relatives.

Source: <http://www.thepittsburghchannel.com/news/13414351/detail.htm>

18. *May 30, eWeek* — **Security questions lurk below Microsoft's 'Surface'.** Microsoft Surface — Microsoft's new touch-sensitive, flat computing table technology — promises shopping at the user's fingertips. Patrons will be able to order food in a restaurant by touching its image. Someday they'll also be able to pay for that meal by laying a credit card on the Surface or by using, for example, an associated magnetic stripe reader, an RFID-enabled credit card or NFC (near-field communication) — a short-range wireless interaction. The first version of Surface, which Microsoft unveiled May 30, won't be shipping with the option to make payments by laying a credit card on top. Nigel Keam of Microsoft said that when that type of application is available, Microsoft plans to work closely with partners to iron out the security details. Is this any different from handing a credit card to a waiter in a restaurant who then takes it out of sight? There are still unknowns when it comes to securing NFC. Philips Semiconductors reported that one main question is how close an attacker has to be to be able to retrieve a usable RF signal.

Source: <http://www.eweek.com/article2/0,1895,2139056,00.asp>

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Transportation and Border Security Sector

19. *May 31, Associated Press* — **Diseases on planes rare but more likely in the future.** SARS on a plane. Mumps on a plane. And now a rare and deadly form of tuberculosis, on at least two planes. Commercial air travel's potential for spreading infection continues to cause handwringing among public health officials, as news of a jet-setting man with a rare and deadly form of TB demonstrates. "We always think of planes as a vehicle for spreading disease," said Dr. Doug Hardy, an infectious disease specialist at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. In the latest incident a Georgia man with extensively drug-resistant TB ignored doctors' advice and took two transatlantic flights. The incident points out weaknesses in the system: The man was able to re-enter the U.S., even though he said he had been warned by federal officials that his passport was being flagged and he was being placed on a no-fly list. Challenges in co-ordinating with airlines and in communicating with the media also have emerged, said Glen Nowak of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Source: <http://www.cbc.ca/cp/health/070531/x053111A.html>

20. *May 31, NY 1 News (NY)* — **Port authority to set up task force to address flight delays.** The Port Authority says it will set up a task force of government officials and aviation executives to look into ways to speed up takeoffs and landings at the region's three major airports. Some of the ideas include improving how aircraft are routed for their final approaches and making taxiways more efficient. JFK, LaGuardia and Newark are frequently ranked among the worst in the country when it comes to on-time flights. Agency officials have blamed heavy air traffic. The task force is expected to deliver recommendations by the end of the year.

Source: <http://www.ny1.com/ny1/content/index.jsp?stid=1&aid=70238>

21. *May 30, Technology Daily* — **Report details challenges of new border security requirements.** A new report from the U.S. and Canadian governments outlines issues and challenges associated with implementing new border security requirements under the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, (WHTI) but it concludes that those requirements still should go into effect. The 28-page report, released Wednesday, May 30, by the Foundation for Educational Exchange between Canada and the United States, summarizes most of the key issues surrounding WHTI, which will require travelers entering the United States from any part of the Western Hemisphere to have secure, government-approved identification documents by no later than June 2009. The report makes general policy recommendations in the areas of coordination between governments, technology, privacy, trade and tourism.

Source: http://www.govexec.com/story_page.cfm?articleid=37055&dcn=to_daysnews

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report.

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Agriculture Sector

22. *May 31, Agricultural Research Service* — **Vaccine offers new control options for FMD.** A new vaccine developed by scientists with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural

Research Service (ARS), the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and a U.S. biopharmaceutical company holds promise for protection against foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) which strikes cattle and swine, as well as sheep, goats and deer. The new vaccine works quickly, demonstrating effectiveness within seven days. Tests thus far have shown that vaccinated cattle retain immunity for at least 21 days, but scientists expect that future studies will show that the new vaccine at least matches the six months of immunity provided by current vaccines. The new vaccine has been tested on cattle and swine, and is equally effective in both species. FMD is devastating to livestock and has critical economic consequences with potentially severe losses in the production and marketing of meat and milk. Although the U.S. has not had an FMD outbreak since 1929, the disease is still considered a serious threat to the nation's economy and food supply. As this is the first FMD vaccine produced in the United States, the federal government can plan adequate supplies for the veterinary strategic stockpile. The vaccine is the first molecular-based FMD vaccine for cattle.

Source: <http://www.ars.usda.gov/News/docs.htm?docid=1261>

23. *May 31, Nebraska Ag Connection* — Herd of pigs die after power shut down on farm.

Someone purposely flipped off power to a pig confinement building, leading to the deaths of 120 pigs from heat exhaustion and suffocation. York, NE, Sheriff Dale Radcliff said Wednesday, May 30, that an investigation has convinced him the deaths weren't accidental. The electricity was turned off after on Thursday, May 24, leaving the ventilation and air-conditioning systems without power.

Source: <http://www.nebraskaagconnection.com/story-state.php?Id=375&y r=2007>

24. *May 30, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture* — Mobile lab to protect against diseases.

To respond more quickly to potentially dangerous animal health emergencies, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture has begun using a new mobile laboratory. As part of the Pennsylvania Animal Diagnostic Laboratory System, the mobile laboratory has a bio-safety Level-3 (BSL-3) containment space, meaning its air handling system prevents the escape of any pathogens that could endanger humans or animals. In addition, it is equipped with a showering facility, bio-safety cabinets, refrigerators and freezers, and decontamination equipment. The laboratory is being fitted with other testing instruments to offer a rapid diagnosis for animal diseases like avian influenza, foot and mouth disease or mad cow disease, among others.

Source: <http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us/agriculture/cwp/view.asp? A=390&Q=144539>

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Food Sector

25. *May 30, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* — Feed ingredients recalled. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is alerting livestock and fish/shrimp feed manufacturers about a voluntary recall of products used in feed production because several have been found to contain melamine and related compounds. The feed ingredients were made by Tembec BTL SR Inc. of Toledo, OH, and Uniscope, Inc. of Johnstown, CO. Tembec, a contract manufacturer for Uniscope, makes AquaBond and Aqua-Tec II, which it distributes for Uniscope. Uniscope makes Xtra-Bond using ingredients supplied by Tembec. All of the products are binding agents that are used to make pelleted feed for cattle, sheep, and goats, or fish and shrimp. The

companies have confirmed that Tembec added melamine as part of the formulation of the products to improve the binding properties of pelleted feed. Melamine is not approved as an additive for animal or fish/shrimp feed. The companies have stopped adding melamine to the feed products.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2007/NEW01643.html>

26. *May 30, Mercopress* — **Brazil's JBS buys U.S.'s Swift and becomes world's largest meat packer.** The Brazilian group JBS, which is the leading beef exporter of Latin America announced the purchase of Swift & Co., the third largest fresh meat (beef and pork) packer in the U.S., thus becoming the world's leading meat packer. The deal involves \$225 million cash and taking on Swift's \$1.2 billion debt and should be completed by July following approval from local authorities. The sale comes in the wake of tough times for Swift, which has been owned by a Dallas private equity firm, HM Capital Partners, since 2002 when ConAgra Foods sold it.

Source: <http://www.brazzilmag.com/content/view/8305/54/>

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Water Sector

27. *May 31, Associated Press* — **Algae contaminates drinking water for millions of Chinese.** Fast-spreading, foul-smelling blue-green algae smothered a lake in eastern China, contaminating the drinking water for millions of people and sparking panic-buying of bottled water, state media said Thursday, May 31. The algae bloom in Lake Tai, a famous but long-polluted tourist attraction in Jiangsu province, formed because water levels are at their lowest in 50 years, leading to excess nutrients in the water. Officials in Wuxi, a city along the banks of the lake, called an emergency meeting to discuss measures to deal with the situation and allay public fears, said a posting on the local government's Web site. Residents swarmed stores in Wuxi, a city of five million, to buy bottled water and prices skyrocketed from one dollar to \$6.50 for an two-gallon bottle.

Source: <http://www.iht.com/articles/ap/2007/05/31/asia/AS-GEN-China-Algae-Contamination.php>

28. *May 31, Daily News Journal (TN)* — **City's water supply being tested for safety.** Murfreesboro, TN's water supply is being tested for radioactive material which might have leaked from Middle Point Landfill. Water and Sewer Director Joe Kirchner said his department decided to conduct the tests a few months earlier than scheduled due to news reports about low-level radioactive materials being dumped in the landfill on Jefferson Pike, which sits on Stones River. The landfill is upstream from the city's water sources, East Fork Stones River and Percy Priest Reservoir. Kirchner said there is no need for Murfreesboro residents to take special precautions and it's OK to drink city water. At that time, no significant levels of radioactive material were found, with the amount of radioactive material generally testing below detectable levels, Kirchner said. Middle Point is one of four sites in Tennessee where low-level radioactive materials are allowed to be dumped under a state program that was enacted in the early 1990s.

Source: <http://dnj.midsouthnews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070531/NEWS01/705310326/1002>

Public Health Sector

29. *May 31, Xinhua (China)* — **Indonesian bird flu death.** A 45-year Indonesian man, who died on Monday, May 28, in Central Java, was positively infected by avian influenza, bringing the country's death toll to 78 out of 98 cases, the Health Ministry said Thursday, May 31. The man had contact with fowls as a number of his chickens died and he also consumed ill-chickens, Coordinator of the anti-bird flu center, Runizar Roesin said.
Source: http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2007-05/31/content_6179853.htm
30. *May 31, Agence France-Presse* — **Indonesia hands out kits to fight bird flu.** Indonesian officials Thursday, May 31, began distributing kits containing masks, gloves and bars of soap to fight bird flu in villages across the archipelago nation, they said. About 100,000 leaders of hamlets will receive the kits in Indonesia. The first Avian Influenza kits were handed out in Tenggelun Timur village, in a high-risk area of West Java, by officials from the national committee charged with trying to halt deaths from the virus. "These AI kits are a simple way to inform your communities about bird flu," committee chairman Bayu Krisnamurthi told leaders of the village. The kits include a street banner warning against bird flu, two VCDs on the virus, stickers, flyers and a booklet explaining how to reduce the risk of contracting the virus.
Source: http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20070531/hl_afp/healthfluindonesia_070531093850;_ylt=Aq4TJC3pQIJdJzUnUR8sSGaJOrgF
31. *May 30, RIA Novosti (Russia)* — **Russia suspends human clinical tests abroad over terrorism threat.** A Russian daily reported Wednesday, May 30, that Russia had suspended the export of human clinical specimens over bioterrorism concerns. Kommersant said the move could affect dozens of patients and paralyze the Russian market for foreign clinical tests, which experts estimate is worth up to \$150 million. The paper said the decision came after a report on bio terrorism submitted by the head of the Federal Security Service (FSB) to the president in early May, which cites examples of major foreign medical centers using biological samples to develop genetic, "ethnically oriented" weapons. Courier services DHL and TNT Express in Russia told their clients that the suspension, effective as of May 29, was imposed by the Federal Customs Service, the paper said, adding a government resolution to this effect was signed by First Deputy Prime Minister Sergei Ivanov May 22.
Source: <http://en.rian.ru/russia/20070530/66348433.html>

Government Sector

32. *May 31, kutv.com (UT)* — **Boy with fake rifle forces lockdown of two Utah schools.** A Davis County, UT, junior high school was placed on lockdown Thursday, May 31, after a student was seen carrying a rifle on campus. It turned out that the rifle was a Civil War replica, which had actually been on display inside one of the classrooms for several months. It belonged to a student who had written a report about the Civil War, earlier in the school year. Thursday,

officials say he was carrying it outside to give to his mother in the parking lot when he was sighted and the school was locked down. Police arrived at the school's campus and detained the teenage boy for questioning. He will not face any disciplinary action because authorities do not believe there was any threatening intent.

Source: http://kutv.com/topstories/local_story_151121853.html

33. *May 31, KING 5 News (WA)* — **Campus threat bumps up security at Seattle Central.** Extra security was on hand at Seattle Central Community College (SCCC) Thursday, May 31, after a threatening note was found on campus last week. The message, written on a toilet paper dispenser in a men's restroom stall, reads, "I will kill everyone at SCCC on May 31st." On Wednesday, SCCC President Mildred Ollee issued a Web message to reassure students that extra security steps have been taken in lieu of the threat. A concerted push is on to implement programs like e2Campus Alert, a system that notifies students of an emergency through a text message.

Source: http://www.king5.com/topstories/stories/NW_053107WABsccthre atLJ.f7138.html

34. *May 30, Dayton Daily News (OH)* — **Threat discovered at middle school.** A threat of violence found scrawled on the wall of a boys restroom at Chamberlain Middle School in Carlisle, OH, caused administrators to "secure" the entire school campus and release a "large" number of students to their parents Wednesday, May 30. Police were called to the school shortly after the threat was found and were called back to the school this afternoon as it was locked down to ensure students safety, Superintendent Tim McLinden said.

Source: <http://www.daytondailynews.com/n/content/oh/story/news/local/2007/05/30/mj053007carlisleweb.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

35. *May 29, Technology News Daily* — **Simulated biological threat training takes place in Alaska.** The first week of the Alaska Shield/Northern Edge 07 exercise culminated in Seward, AK, Friday, May 11, with a massive interagency effort to secure a ship with a simulated biological threat on board. Hundreds of first responders were on hand at the Alaska Railroad dock to practice an integrated response to a simulated terrorist threat on a marine vessel. Although the overall objective was for all the agencies to work together at the request of the Seward authorities, they also each had training goals of their own. "All civil support teams have extensive equipment, communications, technology and training, but we have to make sure it all comes together and we can relieve each other in place," said Brigadier General Thomas Katkus, Alaska Army National Guard commander. "We want to be able to make a seamless transition when one team needs a break." Whether it was individual unit training objectives or the larger goal of practicing interagency coordination, the elaborate Seward scenario was a success for Team Alaska, and a good finale for the first week of Alaska Shield/Northern Edge 07, said Lieutenant Louis Tiner of the Seward Police Department.

Source: <http://www.technologynewsdaily.com/node/7052>

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Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector

36. *May 31, US-CERT* — **Technical Cyber Security Alert TA07-151A: Mozilla Updates for Multiple Vulnerabilities.** Mozilla has released new versions of Firefox, Thunderbird, and SeaMonkey to address several vulnerabilities. An attacker could exploit these vulnerabilities by convincing a user to view a specially-crafted HTML document, such as a web page or an HTML email message. Support for Firefox 1.5 is scheduled to end in June 2007. These vulnerabilities are addressed in Mozilla Firefox 2.0.0.4, Firefox 1.5.0.12, Thunderbird 2.0.0.4, Thunderbird 1.5.0.12, SeaMonkey 1.0.9, SeaMonkey 1.1.2. By default, Mozilla Firefox, Thunderbird, and SeaMonkey automatically check for updates.
Updates: <http://www.mozilla.org/security/announce/>
Source: <http://www.us-cert.gov/cas/techalerts/TA07-151A.html>
37. *May 31, Associated Press* — **Spam flows despite high-profile arrest.** Junk e-mail continued to land in mailboxes around the world Thursday, May 31, despite the arrest on Wednesday of a man described as one of the world's most prolific spammers. Even if Robert Alan Soloway is ultimately convicted and his operations shuttered, spam experts say dozens are in line to fill the void. Soloway, 27, was once on a top 10 list of spammers kept by The Spamhaus Project, an international anti-spam organization. Others have since topped him, mostly based in Russia and other countries out of reach of U.S. or European law. Soloway was arrested on charges of mail fraud, wire fraud, e-mail fraud, aggravated identity theft and money laundering. Prosecutors say Soloway has sent millions of junk e-mails since 2003 and continued even after Microsoft Corp. won a \$7 million civil judgment against him in 2005 and the operator of a small Internet service provider in Oklahoma won a \$10 million judgment. Soloway could face decades in prison, though prosecutors said they have not calculated what sentence range he might face.
Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/05/31/AR2007053100310.html>
38. *May 30, SecurityFocus* — **Insecure plug-ins pose danger to Firefox users.** A security weakness in the update mechanism for third-party add-ons to the Firefox browser could give an attacker the ability to exploit unsecured downloads and install malicious code on the victim's computer, a security researcher warned on Wednesday, May 30. The vulnerability affects any third-party add-ons that use an unsecured download site as part of the update process, according to Indiana University graduate student Christopher Soghoian. While using the standard secure communications protocol available in major browsers, known as secure sockets layer (SSL) encryption, could prevent the attacks, many major companies failed to do so, Soghoian said. The Mozilla development team is currently considering ways that they could prevent insecure updates in the next version of the browser, Firefox 3.0.
Source: <http://www.securityfocus.com/news/11467>
39. *May 30, InfoWorld* — **Attackers get chatty on VoIP.** The recent spate of malware attacks propagating throughout the user base of the Skype Internet calling system illustrates a broader trend toward cyber-criminals moving to take advantage of VoIP platforms as they become increasingly popular. Security researchers tracking the latest worm viruses moving through the Skype community's chat system said that the threats are nearly identical to attacks that have plagued users of other publicly-available messaging applications for years. The potential to use

such programs to infiltrate business networks and carry out attacks will drive malware code writers and other schemers to similarly increase their focus on VoIP platforms, researchers said. Chris Boyd, a researcher at FaceTime Communications, believes that the endgame of hacking Skype is to steal valuable data from infected users and pass it back to themselves over Skype's encrypted messaging system. Boyd said that there is also growing evidence of attackers building proof-of-concept botnet threats aimed specifically at Skype users.

Source: http://www.infoworld.com/article/07/05/30/Attackers-get-chat-ty-on-VoIP_1.html

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Commercial Facilities/Real Estate, Monument & Icons Sector

40. *May 31, Local 10.com (FL)* — Anthrax scare evacuates building. Miami-Dade County, FL Fire Rescue is dealing with another anthrax scare Thursday, May 31, a day after a similar threat to the Florida Highway Patrol. Thirteen people came in contact with a white powder at the Veterans Administration Hospital on 12th Street and Northwest 16th Avenue in Miami Thursday morning. On Wednesday, the Florida Highway Patrol Building in southwest Miami-Dade County received a threat of anthrax. The building was evacuated before noon after four people came in contact with an envelope with a message that said, "You've just been contaminated with Anthrax." The four people who did not appear to exhibit signs or symptoms of anthrax poisoning.

Source: <http://www.local10.com/news/13419455/detail.html>

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General Sector

41. *May 30, Associated Press* — Eco-terrorist imprisoned for horse corral fire. A Canadian animal rights activist was sentenced to more than three years in prison on Tuesday, May 29, for helping a cell of the Animal Liberation Front set fire to federal wild horse corrals northwest of Reno, NV. Darren Todd Thurston, 37, was the fourth of 10 radical environmentalists to be sentenced after pleading guilty to conspiracy and arson charges for his part in a five-year string of fires across five states in the West by a Eugene, OR, group known as The Family. U.S. District Judge Ann Aiken sentenced Thurston to 37 months in prison after he pleaded guilty to conspiracy and arson in the 2001 fire at the U.S. Bureau of Land Management wild horse corrals at Litchfield, CA, about 90 miles northwest of Reno. In the name of the Earth Liberation Front and Animal Liberation Front, The Family set more than 20 fires in five Western states that did a total of \$40 million in damage. Targets included the Vail Ski Resort in Colorado, forest ranger stations, meat packing plants, wild horse corrals, an SUV dealer, a tree farm and

research laboratories.

Source: <http://news.rgj.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070530/NEWS18/70530017&oaso=news.rgj.com/breakingnews>

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